

I am writing to comment on Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to compel their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary. Not only is this an unethical, if not illegal, use of airwaves licensed to broadcasters for the public good rather than partisan politics, it represents the clear threat that large media companies present to the very idea of a free democracy.

Sinclair currently **requires** its stations to run pro-administration ads and programming. I find that appalling. I find this latest move cynical manipulation, almost beyond belief in a free democracy.

Let me be clear. Sinclair stations have the right to air views from any and all sides of the spectrum. They do not, in my view, have a right--because they use airwaves that belong to the nation as a whole--to become a propaganda machine for any party.